

La formation des adverbes en -ment

Adverbs of manner

Adverbs give information about verbs, adjectives, other adverbs, or an entire sentence. Adverbs of manner tell how something is done.

- Most adverbs of manner are formed by adding **-ment** to the feminine form of the adjective.

<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>Adverb</i>
actif	active	activement <i>actively</i>
amer	amère	amèrement <i>bitterly</i>
certain	certaine	certainement <i>certainly</i>
cruel	cruelle	cruellement <i>cruelly</i>
doux	douce	doucement <i>gently, softly</i>
franc	franche	franchement <i>frankly</i>
lent	lente	lentement <i>slowly</i>
public	publique	publiquement <i>publicly</i>
sérieux	sérieuse	sérieusement <i>seriously</i>

- If the masculine singular form of an adjective ends in a vowel, **-ment** is added directly to that form.

<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Adverb</i>
absolu	absolument <i>absolutely</i>
facile	facilement <i>easily</i>
poli	poliment <i>politely</i>
sincère	sincèrement <i>sincerely</i>
vrai	vraiment <i>really, truly</i>

- If the masculine singular form of an adjective ends in **-ant** or **-ent**, **-ant** is replaced by **-amment** and **-ent** is replaced by **-emment**.

<i>Adjective</i>	<i>Adverb</i>
constant	constamment <i>constantly</i>
courant	couramment <i>fluently</i>
prudent	prudemment <i>carefully</i>
récent	récemment <i>recently</i>